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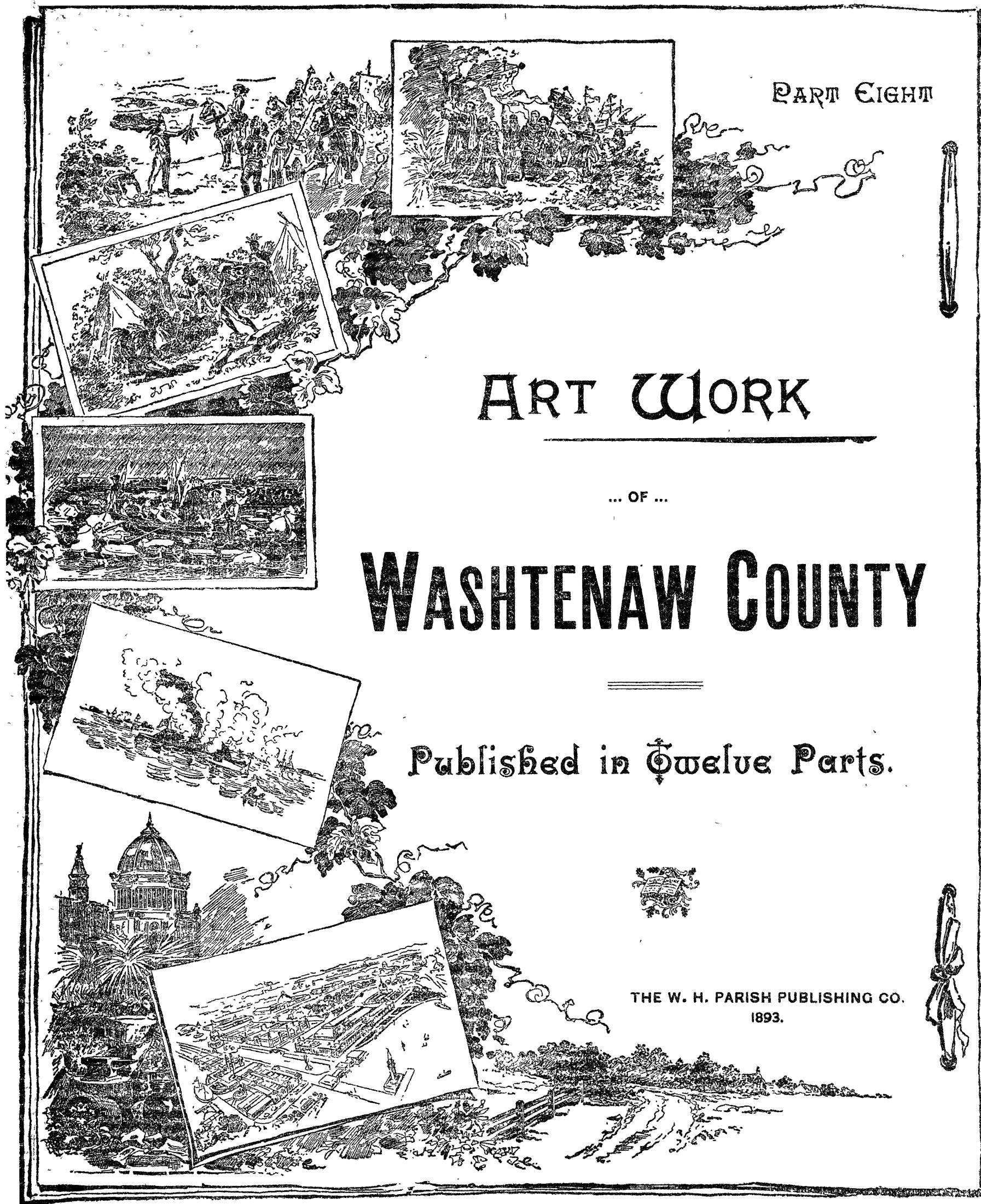
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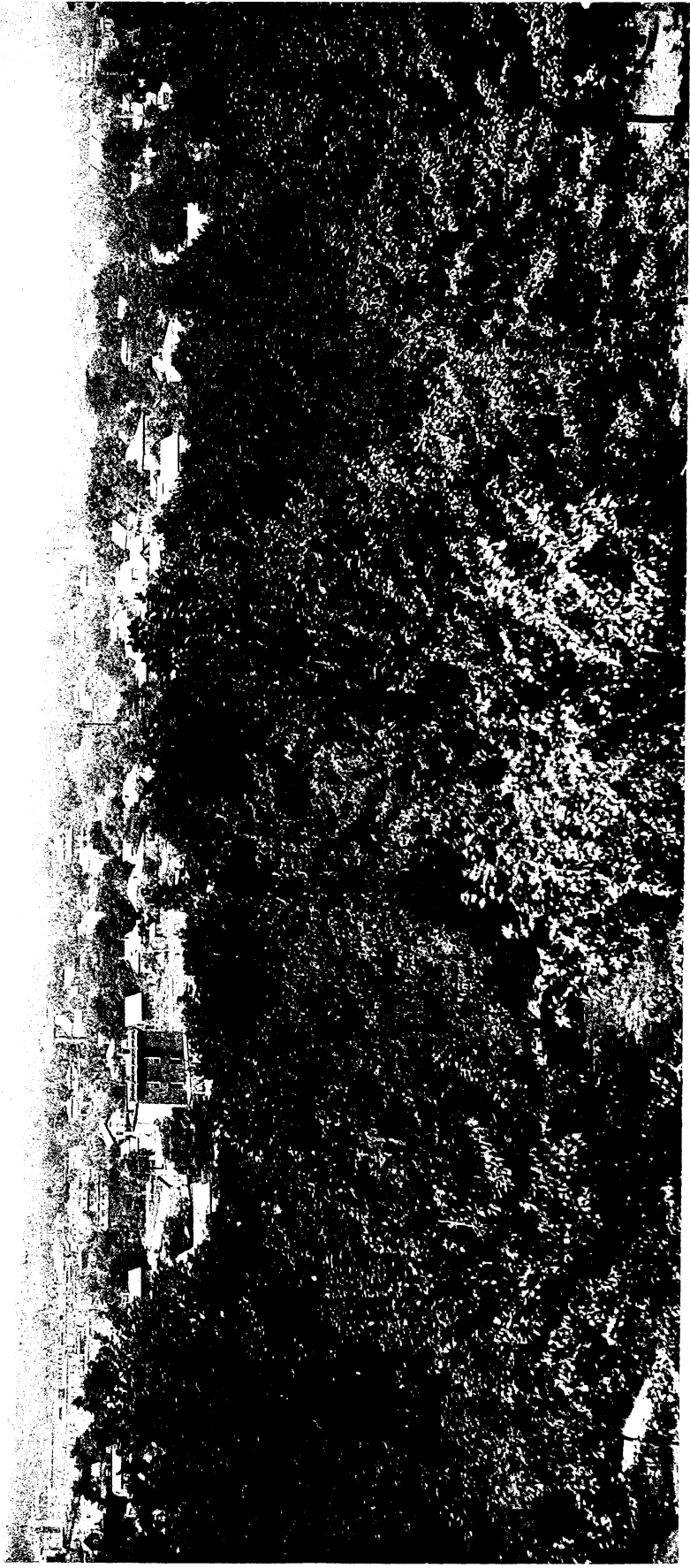


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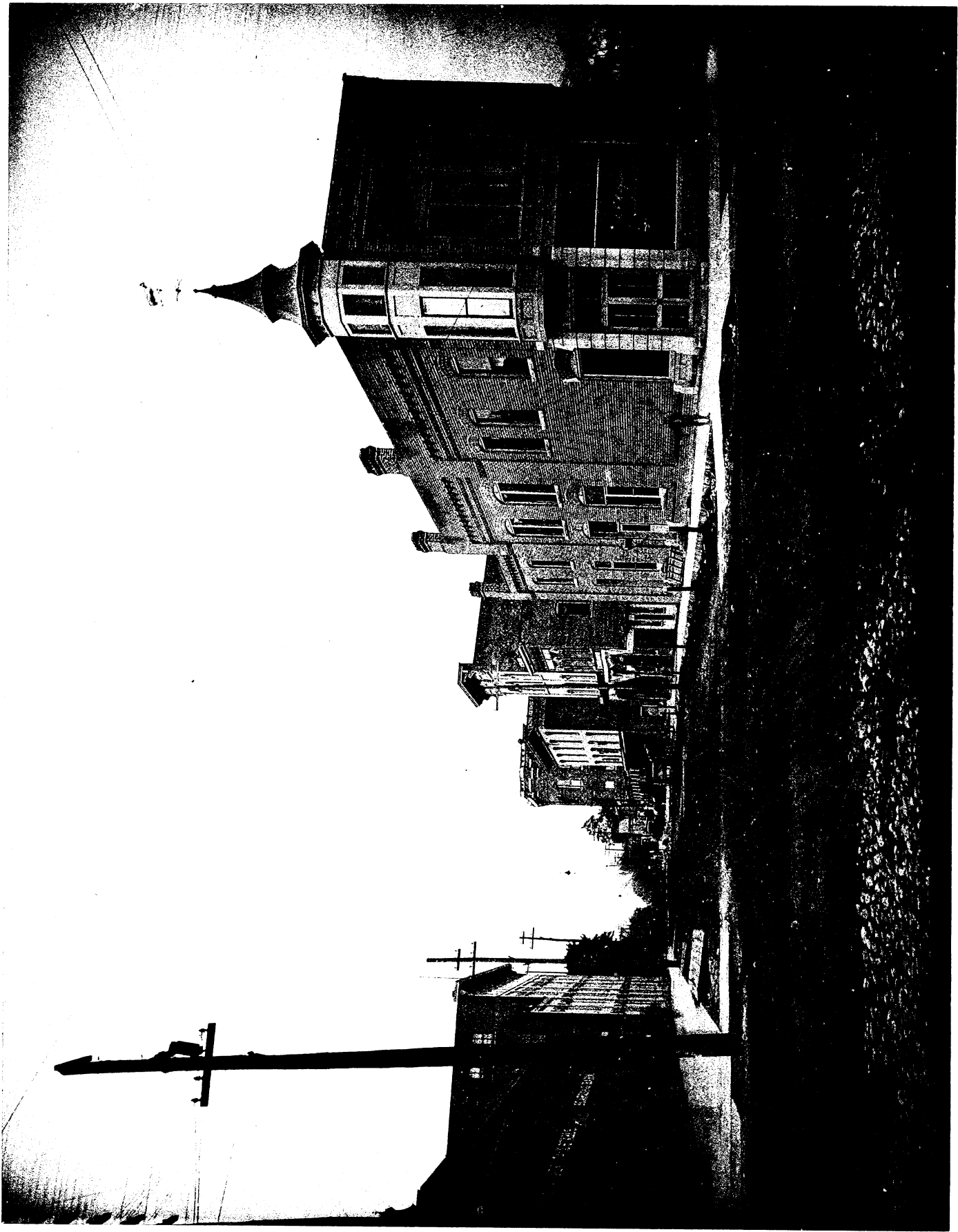




PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—ANN ARBOR.



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF YPSILANTI, LOOKING WEST.



SCENE ON SOUTH FOURTH AVENUE—ANN ARBOR.



STATE NORMAL SCHOOL—YPSILANTI.



VIEW ON MAPLE STREET—YPSILANTI.



RESIDENCE OF MR. E. A. BOVER—YPSILANTI.

during the continuance of the great struggle, and at least 450 of them were left on the southern battlefields.

Washtenaw at present contains five incorporated villages with populations according to the 1890 census as follows: Chelsea, 1,356; Manchester, 1,191; Milan, 917; Dexter, 879; Saline, 706.

The thriving village of Chelsea was platted in 1850 by Elisha and James Congdon, and a station was at once built on the Michigan Central Road. A store was built in 1851, which was quickly followed by others. The village has been three times swept by fires, but each time was rebuilt at once and it is noted as one of the most wide awake, active, pushing villages in the State.

In 1834, what is now the village of Manchester contained six families, a store and a saw mill. It was in this year that the village was platted by John Gilbert. It was incorporated in 1867. It has two railroads, both branches of the Lake Shore. The business portion was burned in 1853, but it was quickly rebuilt and Manchester has long held a prominent place as a trading point for a large and prosperous farming community.

Milan is the youngest of the incorporated villages of the county, being incorporated in 1885. With the building of the Wabash and the Toledo, Ann Arbor and North Michigan Roads it quickly grew and its inhabitants dreamed that they were the pioneers of a great city. The first post office was established in Milan fifty years ago.

Dexter is the oldest of the villages of the county. In fact, Judge Samuel W. Dexter, its founder, contemplated making it the metropolis of Michigan. Judge Dexter, who was an able man, settled in the village in 1824. The village was not platted until 1830. Its streets were laid out like the spokes of a wheel coming to a common center. They are very broad and were intended to answer the needs of a large city. It was incorporated in 1855. It possesses an elegant school building, numerous churches and handsome residences.

Orange Risdon, who surveyed the first road through the county, entered the land on which Saline village now stands. He platted it in 1832 in which year a store was erected. The village is named after the river and township in which it was originally believed that there were extensive deposits of salt. The village was incorporated in 1866. It contains some palatial private residences and excellent business men, and is situated on the Ypsilanti branch of the Lake Shore road.

